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COUNTY 4-H CAMP

Camping time is here. The signs of the moon are right and the almanac says that the third and fourth weeks in July are auspicious ones for the club members in the county. We are planning for two weeks of good times together for good to ourselves, and our communities and county. As we prosper so does our community and county.

The first camp will be for older club members, particularly the clubs at Hillsboro, Marlinton, Greenbank, Cass and Durbin, and club members elsewhere who are fifteen years or over. This division in the camps is made for several reasons. The camps will be run on the same schedule and the same instruction will be given. In the first camp we want to do a good deal of charting. A club member must be fifteen years old or over to be charted. What is charting? Charting is measuring yourself according to a yardstick of your Four-H Development. How many Hs can you earn? Just how strong are you? Each one of the club members should have one of the booklets—My Four-H Summary—to fill out before the camp opens, and be ready to proceed with the charting class.

Charting is a part of the Four-H Club work and every member should do his or her part to fulfill the requirements for an all-round boy or girl. When you do a thing do it with all your might and go thru the whole thing. Do not do just a part and let the other go.

Besides the charting we are going to have instruction in music, camp craft, nature study, personal health, club organization and handicraft. In the morning Athletics, games, stunts, recreation in the afternoon. Council circle and vesper services at night. We want to have a camp with all the parts. We want you to play the parts and take part in all activities.

There is no requirement for the county camp with the exception of the Illustrated Booklet. You readily appreciate that we must have some evidence of work done to enable us to let you enter the camp. All club members who enroll do not complete their project. As an evidence of good faith on the part of the club members and the camp officials we are requiring each member to bring his or her Illustrated Booklet to camp. You can leave it at the camp house until the county fair. If you desire you can return same and complete it for the fair. You must bring your book to camp. Not before or not afterwards.

We have fifty-seven clubs and over seven hundred and twenty-five club members. It is time that the clubs select some county objectives and work for them just like we work for our club objectives. Your pledge is, I pledge my head to clear thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to greater service, my health to greater efficiency, my club, my community, my county, my country.

We have the backing and the support of the people of the county. We want to complete our project work, attend the club meetings, send a club member or club officer to the camps at Jacksons Mill, take part in the community meetings, read the Four-H suggestions, answer the questions in paper, go to camp, take part in the fair.

Instructions regarding food, clothing, equipment and the schedule for the county camp will be mailed to you the first of July. You will follow your paper and keep in touch with your club officers.

J. Haynes Miller, Co. Agent.

LOT SWINDLE

The old free lot swindle that has cost Charleston people as well as people in almost every part of the county much hard earned money, is being revived, and with increasing prosperous conditions here comes a warning from the Charleston real estate board to all persons who would invest money in real estate to look out for the game.

It is pointed out by the board that the swindle is a simple one, and can be readily detected from a legitimate proposition by anyone who will take a little time to investigate before he puts up his money. In almost every instance the operation of the game is identical with the scheme as first conceived and put into effect.

Typical is the free lot swindle operated in Omaha, Nebraska, recently that resulted in the conviction of the principal operator and his sentence to serve one year in federal prison and to pay a fine of \$5,000. The conviction was secured through the efforts of the Omaha board and the particulars of the transaction are given by the Charleston board so that investors may be on their guard if the swindle is attempted here.

According to the testimony brought out in the Omaha case, the company operated principally by giving out cards at movies and by holding drawings at county fairs. "Lucy" persons were notified that they had won a building lot valued at \$250, and that they would receive upon payment of \$59, represented as fees for abstract and deed and other necessary expenses involved in transferring title. Everyone who received a card "won" a lot.

The intended victim was then shown that his lot was located in a low place in the tract, and was about 25 to 100 feet in area. He was at the same time shown other lots 50 to 120 feet, represented to be of the value of \$300 to \$750, and was told that upon the payment of the \$59 actual expenses a credit of \$250 would be allowed him on the purchase price of one of the larger lots. With this bait lots were sold at a price as high as \$650.

The expert testimony brought in the trial showed the actual value of the lots to run from not more than \$25 to a maximum of \$150. The corporation represented the tract they were disposing of as an established community, with paved roads, running through the property, street lights, electricity, telephone lines, city water mains and sewers, and as within a few blocks of an exclusive residential section of Omaha.

The same persons operated under the name of the Inter-State Building Corporation in Sioux City and Cedar Rapids Iowa, in Moline, Illinois, Knoxville, Tennessee, and in New Orleans, it is said. The record showed that about \$192,000 had been collected from the sale of lots in the Lacombe Heights property near Omaha, which considerably less than half the lots on the tract decided, but with many contracts outstanding.

The real estate commission of New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Wisconsin, Illinois, and California have definitely adopted the policy of revoking the license of any real estate broker or salesman who engaged in a free lot scheme. In the 16 states which have kept records of such cases, 10,147 complaints have been received by license commissions from persons defrauded by free lot operators. In the 15 states which have a record of most \$3,261,910.32 has been refunded to victims of such operators. During the year 1927 alone 2,344 complaints were made against such lo-

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was created by our County Court as a Memorial to our soldiers and sailors who made the supreme sacrifice during the world war.

The subscriptions which you made eighteen months ago were for the upkeep of this institution; that is, to purchase all necessary furniture and fixtures and to keep the building in repair.

The income from the operation of the Hospital is paid over to your Sheriff. This all goes for running expenses, which are paid by your County Court from this hospital fund.

Why do we mention this at this time ?

A payment is due on your subscription on June 15th, and your Board of Directors need funds to carry out their plans to promote the best interest of all the people of our county.

BEARD COMMUNITY PROGRAM

June 11, 1928, 8:00 p. m.

- Song: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah By Community.
- Scripture Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-18 L. M. Kidd
- Prayer: Rev. Harrison
- Business
- Saxophone Solo: Hubert May
- Five minute talk: Rev. Harrison
- Reading: Mrs. W. T. Poague
- Song: Brighten the Corner
- Where You Are: Community
- Club Stunt: H. H. Club Members
- Five minute talk: J. Haynes Miller
- Special Music: Local Talent
- Reading: Marguerite Kircald
- Talk: The Value of Neighborliness: Dr. S. B. Wallace
- Song: By Community
- Closing exercises.

operators before the various license commissions and a total fund of \$329,930.69 was refunded through the action of the commissions.

The Chicago Better Business bureau has recently estimated that fifteen million dollars a year is lost to victims of free lot operators in the Chicago area alone. Charleston Gazette.

HIGH SCHOOL FINALS

On last Friday night both the Little Levels district and the Edray District High School held their commencement exercises.

The address to the Little Levels District High School, was delivered by Judge Jake Fisher of Sutton. The Judge spoke upon "The Law of Life" and he spoke out of the fullness of his life of rich experience spent in service. This writer will go almost any distance, to escape a speech, but he traveled a dozen miles to hear the Judge.

Samuel Sheets, the President of the Board of Education delivered the diplomas to the graduates in a few, well chosen remarks. The graduates are: Ozella Alderman, Ethel Beard, Lina Browning, Denleigh Collins, Lillian Hefner, Lawson Hill, Margaret McNeil, Ethel May, Aida Newman, Edith Newman, Virginia Buckman, Helen Walton, Elmita Rogers, Catherine Moore, Katherine Hiner, Eula May, Madge Arbogast, Maude Beard, Clarence Cochran, Will Dorman, Herbert Hill.

The commencement exercises of the Edray District High School were held in the Methodist Church last Friday night. The address to the graduates was made by Dr. George West Diehl, President of Concord West North. His subject was "Trail Making or Following the Trail." The Doctor is a leading educator of the State. In the five years he has been at Concord, the enrollment of the college has increased from around one hundred to four times as many, while the summer school has an attendance of about one thousand. Many young people from Pocahontas county attend this college.

The diplomas were delivered to the graduates by Prof. G. D. McNeill. The graduates number thirty seven, the largest on record. The graduates are: Kathleen Baxter, Virginia Moore, Charlie Beverage, Percy Moore, Marjorie Beverage, Yvonne McLaughlin, Lucille Bright, Addison McNeill, Pauline Camper, Laura Nelson, Lanie Comer, Hazel Pifer, Mary Cooper, Jean Price, Ethel Cunningham, Myrtle Pyles, Alfred Edgar Edward Rexrode, Elizabeth Gay, Naomi Rexrode, Flossie Gibson, Marilla Schofield, Rebecca Hill, Mary Hiner, Martha Schofield, Paul Sharp Myrtle Killen, Georgia Sharer, Gladys Moore, Rebecca Slaven, Grady Moore, Louise Smith, Hollis Moore, Clay Tallman, Louise Moore, Anna Ward, Elizabeth Williams.

The honor students numbered eight—all girls. They are students who have maintained an average of ninety and better through the four years. The Kiwanis Club each year presents to the honor graduates a golden horse shoe pin. These receiving pins this year are: Lucille Bright, Ethel Cunningham, Hazel Pifer, Laura Nelson, Jean Price, Rebecca Slaven, Mary Cooper, Charlie Beverage.

AS TO BOND ISSUES

The Review believes that there should be a differentiation between bond issues for the general run of public improvements and bond issues which can be made self supporting and without resort to general levy. So far as general bond issues are concerned, the point of saturation has more than reached and it would be extremely unwise to add to existing issues without entailing heavier burdens upon the taxing public. We do not believe that additional issues can be readily absorbed, for as a rule bond issues tend to reduce the total amount of property available for taxation. And so bond issues for public improvement in general are to be frowned upon.

The same reasons however do not apply to road bond issues where it is possible to meet interest and sinking fund requirements out of special revenues such as the issuance of license plates and the gasoline tax and therefore there cannot be any valid objection to the proposed issue of \$35,000,000 of additional road bonds in this state.

As a matter of fact the issuance of the additional \$35,000,000 is necessary if the state road program is to be completed. Rapid progress has been made in such a program. We can see tangible results but much of the benefits accruing from the first issue will be lost unless the work is completed and it can hardly be completed unless more funds become available. We need more roads in this county and in other counties. Unless the issue is sanctioned, there will be serious delay.

The issuance of additional road bonds will entail no additional burdens upon taxpayers. Those who use the roads will pay the interest charges on the bonds and will get far more out of the roads than they will be called upon to put into them. It would be a pity to take any action which would interfere with the road building program which is doing so much to help develop the state and the various communities in the state and which is bringing so many people into the state. Good roads will not only be the best possible advertisement for the state but will actually produce revenue, for additional transportation facilities always mean development.—Randolph Review.

BEARD NEWS

On account of the wet weather the farmers are not doing much farming. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Poague and children spent Sunday with friends at Stony Bottom.

Miss Clarice Kidd spent the last weekend with her parents here. Kenneth Bumgardner spent the last week with his uncle, W. T. Poague.

Rober Doss has returned to his work at Anigo, after spending a few days with home folks.

The store of F. W. Dean, on Droop Mountain, was entered and robbed Monday night. On the same night God's Garage, nearby was entered and a lot of valuable tools taken. Mr. Dean lost about \$20 in change which was in the cash drawer, and as near as he can estimate about \$150 in store goods, guns, etc. There is no clue as to the identity of the thieves.

At the Kiwanis supper last Friday night Dr. George West Diehl, president of Concord State College, and past president of the Kiwanis Club of Princeton, made a fine talk on Kiwanis. J. A. Sydnor, cashier of the First National Bank, then addressed the club upon the important subject of investments.

Diehl, on Friday May 25, 1928, George William, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Hill, of Lobetta, Sleep on, little one and take thy rest, God called you home, He thought it best.—A Friend.

The Beard school house at Beard, burned down at noon Monday. The fire was of unknown origin.

There will community singing at Westminster Presbyterian church on Knapps Creek, next Sunday afternoon, June 10, at three o'clock.



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OUR COLORED FRIENDS

Baptist Church—Rev. I. H. Goodwyn pastor. A rare musical treat was given on Saturday night when an Old Folks concert was given by Mrs. J. C. Gilmore and others. The program consisted mainly of Negro Spirituals sung without accompaniment but with that deep pathos and feeling which is characteristic of these melodies. As one sat and listened to these wonderful songs sung as only the negro race can sing them one was forced to admit that these songs are a priceless heritage, handed down to us by our fore parents and that they should never die but be passed on to our posterity. Those who assisted in the rendition were Mesdames Aida Vaughn, Lulu Evans and Grace Johnson.

Among the graduates at Stover College Harpers Ferry, was Miss Lottie Goodwyn, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. I. H. Goodwyn. Miss Goodwyn will do summer work at West Virginia Collegiate Institute.

Harry Goodwyn has returned home from Stover College.

Miss Ella Reed was graduated from Waynesboro high school last week. Miss Reed spent some time with her aunt, Mrs. Aida Vaughn.

Hayden Tibbs and Miss Eva Jackson will return this week from Colleague Institute.

Miss Grace Dilworth, a student in high school at Williamsport, Pa., will arrive soon.

Miss Mattie Gilmore spent the weekend in the home of Mr and Mrs J. C. Gilmore.

Mrs. Grace Johnson and sons spent Memorial Day in Covington.

Hiter Cashwell has been seriously ill indisposed but is able to be out again.

"Mother" Cashwell is not so well at this writing. Her many friends wish for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. White of Waynesboro, Va., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Aida Vaughn.

Sidney Goodwyn is attending commencement exercises at Stover College.

James Harris suffered a mangled finger at the tannery last week.

Children's Day will be observed at Brownsburg next Sunday. All are cordially invited to attend.

The Moore Women's Club will hold their regular meeting on Thursday night.

And now our columnist bids you "Au revoir" for a short time while she takes up advanced work at West Virginia Collegiate Institute.

Nearly a hundred Royal Neighbors and Modern Woodmen attended the annual Woodman Memorial Service held in the Presbyterian church on Sunday night. The church was filled to capacity. Rev. K. V. Bowen preached a fine sermon. The Marlinton Camp lost three members the past year—D. B. Buchanan, George A. Bussard and H. M. Kershner.

Rev. F. B. Wyand of Stuarts Draft, who came to deliver an address to the senior class, M. H. S. Monday night, was accompanied by his little daughter Arletts, Mr. W. I. Rader and daughters Mabel and Hazel, and Mrs. J. I. Moore.—Highland Recorder.

Meade McNeill of Athens, was here Friday and Saturday. He has just received his A. B. degree from Concord State College and he has been appointed an instructor of Biology at the college. Mr. McNeill accompanied Dr. G. W. Diehl, President of the college, who spoke to the Edray District High School graduates on last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Mann were over at Clarksburg last week to see their son, Edward, who is recovering from a badly broken leg. He was riding a motorcycle and was run down by an automobile.

J. C. Allman of Beard, was a visitor at this office last Friday.

FROM MR. CRADDOCK

The Pocahontas Times, Marlinton, W. Va. Gentlemen: I enclose herewith copy of a letter just received by me from Mr. Craddock, and which he authorizes me to have published in the Democratic papers of the Tenth Senatorial district. If you will do so, I will thank you very much to publish the letter in your paper. Please be assured of my sincere appreciation of the support I received from your county in the recent Primary, and with best wishes and hopes for the success of the Democratic cause this fall, I am, Very truly yours, A. G. Mathews

Mr. A. G. Mathews, Grantville, W. Va. Dear Mr. Mathews:—

Reports of the election of yesterday just received, show that you have been nominated by our Democratic Party as our choice for State Senator Tenth District.

I desire to extend to you my congratulations, and also at this time, to assure you of my wholehearted support in the general election. You have received the same nomination to which I aspired and for which nomination I put forth my best efforts to obtain; but having failed in this, I want to assure you that I still feel that since your nomination was won by the will of our party, that it is my will as well that you be elected this fall.

My services are at the call of my party, and if I can be of any special service to you in the general election, kindly so advise me.

Yours very truly B. W. Craddock

Mr. Andrew Price, Marlinton, W. Va. Dear Mr. Price:—

I am always interested in your writings in the "Times". I just read your references to the coal fields in Cheat mountains and that recalls to my memory that Black Mountain on Williams River is a coal bank. At one time I found coal in a little stream of water in the vicinity of old Camp 6. This stream heads near the base of the mountain it comes out of a little gorge and I think it runs directly off of a large vein of coal. I also know of a layer of variegated marble within 5 miles of Marlinton; this is the finest I ever saw. I am writing you this not because it is news to you but simply because it is facts that I know. J. K. Boggs

Willow Grove, W. Va. Miss Helen Smith is home from Mary Baldwin college at Staunton.

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